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SUBJECT: JULY 4 MESSAGE FROM PODGORNIY

1. PRESIDENT RECEIVED CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM
PODGORNIY JULY 4. OUR TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

2. "THE PRESIDENT, THE WHITE HOUSE

-- DEAR MR. PRESIDENT

-- ON THE OCCASION OF THE NATIONAL HOLIDAY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - INDEPENDENCE DAY - WE SEND
OUR CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE AND YOU PERSONALLY. THANKS TO THE ENERGETIC
STRENGTHENING OF RELATIONS UNDERTAKEN BY BOTH SIDES,
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE USSR AND USA WERE MARKED DURING
THE PAST YEAR BY CONSTRUCTIVE DEVELOPMENT THAT UN-
DOUBTEDLY SERVES THE INTERESTS OF THE SOVIET AND
AMERICAN PEOPLE AND HAS A POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON THE
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GENERAL PROCESS OF THE RELAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL
TENSIONS. 'E ARE SURE THAT THE FURTHER IMPROVEMENT
AND DEEPENING OF SOVIET AMERICAN RELATIONS ON
THE COURSE WE HAVE BOTH TAKEN WILL FACILITATE FRUITFUL

MUTUALLY-BENEFICIAL COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES

AND WILL MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE STRENGTH-
ENING OF PEACE IN ALL THE WORLD. N. PODGORNIY, MOSCOW,
KREMLIN 3 JULY 1975."

3. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING REPLY:

QUOTE DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN:

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I WISH TO THANK
YOU FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON THE
OCCASION OF OUR ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE.
SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD END QUOTE

4. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION OF RECIPIENT
WISHES TO DO SO.
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